IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Mario MEGGIOLAN

Appln. No.: not yet assigned

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING A BICYCLE WHEEL HUB

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title insert the heading

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

after the third paragraph insert the heading

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, after the sixth full paragraph insert the heading

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, after the description of figure 22 insert the heading

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete the heading "CLAIMS" and insert the heading

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

45. (Amended) A bicycle wheel hub which is obtained with a method according to claim 1.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the improper second paragraph of the Abstract containing the parenthetical phrase "(Figure 18)".

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REMARKS

The application has been amended to delete the multiple dependencies therein, to provide appropriate headings for the various sections of the specification, and to delete the erroneous improper second paragraph of the abstract. Entry and consideration of this Amendment and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete the heading "CLAIMS" and insert the heading

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

The claims are amended as follows:

45. (Amended) A bicycle wheel hub which is obtained with a method according to any of claims 1-40.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

Delete the improper second paragraph of the Abstract containing the parenthetical phrase "(Figure 18)".